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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOHN S. PANGELINAN,)	Civil No. 08-0004
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Plaintiff)	
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v.)	ORDER DENYING
)	"OBJECTIONS" TO
DAVID A. WISEMAN, <i>et al.</i> ,)	DESIGNATION AND
)	ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE
Defendants)	
_____)	

Plaintiff has "objected" to the appointment of the undersigned to sit as a designated Judge of this Court, and to the assignment of this lawsuit to her by Chief Judge Munson.

To conserve the resources of the Court and the parties, the court denies Plaintiff's objections because they are not well-taken.

The undersigned was designated to sit as a Judge of this Court by Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, pursuant to the express language of 28 U.S.C. § 292(b).

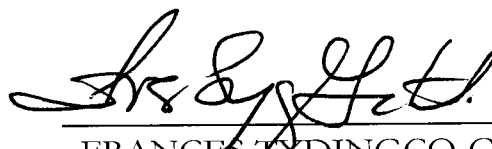
1 That designation was dated December 28, 2007, and is effective for calendar year
2 2008. Designated Judges Wiseman and Lizama were designated that same day,
3 pursuant to the express language of 48 U.S.C. § 1821(b)(2). Their designations are
4 also effective for calendar year 2008.
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6 As Chief Judge of this District, Judge Munson may assign cases to Designated
7 Judges. Because both Judge Munson and Judge Wiseman are named as Defendants
8 in this matter, he requested Judge Lizama to try the case. After reflection, Judge
9 Lizama recused himself. His Order was filed February 25, 2008, and the matter was
10 assigned to me, the only remaining Designated Judge of this Court, by Order dated
11 February 20, 2008, but not filed until after Judge Lizama's Order of Recusal was
12 received and filed by the Clerk of Court. The Order assigning the case to me was
13 correct under the language of either statute referred to above.
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17 Accordingly, Plaintiff's "Objections" are denied in their entirety and the court
18 will not hear oral argument on them.
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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 DATED this 7th day of May, 2008.
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26 FRANCES TANDINGCO-GATEWOOD
Judge